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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01-22-01
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-40 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
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- ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1- 6, 8-18-24 and 26-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis et al(5,522,089) in view of Goodrich et al(5,375,076).

As to claims 1-4, 11, 13, 21, 30 and 35-40, Kikinis et al teach a portable computer system(see figure 5) comprising battery connector(15)(see figures 3, 6 and column 6, lines 55-65); a portable base computer(172) having a wireless receiver(see figures 5, column 1, lines 49-58; column 5, lines 36-40 and column 17, lines 6-10); a processor(24) having a data input operatively connected to the wireless receiver and having a power input(see figures 5-6; column 3, lines 41-44 and column 10, lines 59-66); mass storage(28 or 62)(see figures 5-6 and column 10, lines 59-66) and a wireless transmitter(see column 1, lines 49-58; column 5, lines 36-40 and column 17, lines 6-10); and a portable user interface module(10) having a wireless receiver(94) see figures 1A, 1B, 13; column 1, lines 49-58; column 16, lines 60-68; column 17, lines 1-10 and column 18, lines 32-36); a display(25) for displaying information having a data input connected to

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the wireless receiver(94) and having a power input connected to one of the battery connectors(15)(see figures 1A, 1B, 3, 6, 13; column 7, lines 41-50; column 1, lines 49-58; column 16, lines 60-68; column 17, lines 1-10 and column 18, lines 32-36); a user interface device(16)(see figures 1A, 1B, 3 and column 7, lines 46-50) and a wireless transmitter(94)(see figure 13; column 1, lines 49-58; column 16, lines 60-68 and column 17, lines 1-10).

Kikinis et al fail to disclose a processor connected to a battery.

Goodrich et al teach a processor(portable computer) connected to a battery(see column 1, lines 13-21). It would have been obvious to have modified Kikinis et al with the teaching of Goodrich et al, since a battery can be easily removed for periodic replacement(see Kikinis's column 6, lines 64-65).

As to claims 2, 14, 22, 33 and 37, Kikinis et al teach a portable computer system comprising a mechanical connector to hold the base computer(172) in contact with the user interface module(10)(see figures 1A, 5, 6; column 5, lines 1-40).

As to claims 3, 15, 23, 33 and 37, Kikinis et al teach a portable computer system comprising an electrical connector(105) for electrically connecting the base computer(172) to the user interface module(10)(see figures 1A, 5, 6; column 5, lines 1-40; column 9, lines 40-43 and column 11, lines 3-40).

As to claims 4 and 16, Kikinis et al teach an electrical connector(14) to bypass the wireless transmitters and receivers(94)(see figures 5, 6, 13; column 11, lines 3-9 and column 16, lines 60-64).

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As to claims 5, 9, 17, 27 and 28, Kikinis et al teach the user interface module(10) can display a pointing device(18) and a window(72)(see figures 1B, 4; column 5, lines 54-63 and column 8, lines 13-68).

As to claims 6 and 18, Kikinis et al teach a portable computer system comprising a local are network(see column 17, lines 6-10).

As to claims 8 and 26, Kikinis et al teach a portable computer comprising a keyboard(see figure 4; column 8, lines 25-42 and column 19, lines 56-64).

As to claims 10, 19, 29, 32 and 34, it would have been obvious to have the user interface device(10) with the same size as portable base computer(172) since such a modification would have involved a mere change in the size of a component. A change size is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art In re Rose, 105 USPQ 237(CCPA 1955).

As to claims 12, 20 and 21, Kikinis et al teach an user interface module comprising obstacle-tolerant wireless transmitter and receiver(IR communication)(see figure 13; column 1, lines 49-58 and column 17, lines 6-10).

As to claim 31, Goodrich et al teach a portable user interface is about nine pounds(see column 1, lines 20-23).

3. Claims 7 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis et al(5,522,089) in view of Goodrich et al(5,375,076) and Martin et al(5,148,155).

Kikinis et al fail to disclose a portable interface device comprising a 640X480 display.

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Martin et al teach a portable computer system comprising a 640X480 display for display a window, a pointing device(224) and a keyboard(222) with letter and ten decimal keys(see figures 1, 10, 11; column 5, lines 31-36; column 33, lines 28-37 and column 34, lines 1-7). It would have been obvious to have modified Kikinis et al as modified with the teaching of Martin et al, since Kikinis et al have been disclosed a display resolution could be changed(see column 8, lines 2-8).

Conclusion

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-40 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Iguchi et al teach a data processor comprising wireless input devices(mouse or keyboard or tablet).

Vrbanac teaches a computer system comprising a wireless keyboard(34).

Brauel teaches a portable computer comprising a IR communication port.

Tran et al teaches a notebook having a detachable display.

Higginbotham et al teach a portable computer comprising radio transmitter and receiver.

Maeda et al teach a portable computer having selectably controllable video controller responsive to removal of display panel.

Van Ryzin teach a computer system comprising a wireless communication.

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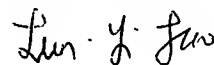
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